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2. General Svoboda Coal Mine in Ostrava

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1. [redacted] a report containing information on the cellulose plant in Martin¹ and the General Svoboda coal mine in Ostrava.
2. Very general information [redacted] is given on the cellulose plant along with an orientation sketch. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] The workers at the mine included 50 office employees, 3,000 soldiers, and 100 civilians assigned exclusively to loading and blasting operations. Three shifts were worked per day. A description and sketch of the mine layout is provided. 50X1-HUM

1. [redacted] Comment: This plant is called the Povazske celulozky, n.p.

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Location sketch of Cellulose Plant
in Martin

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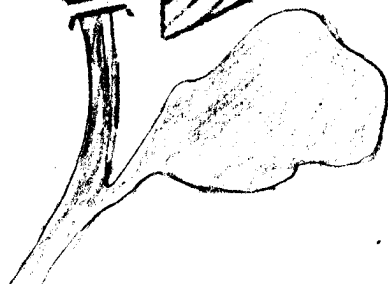
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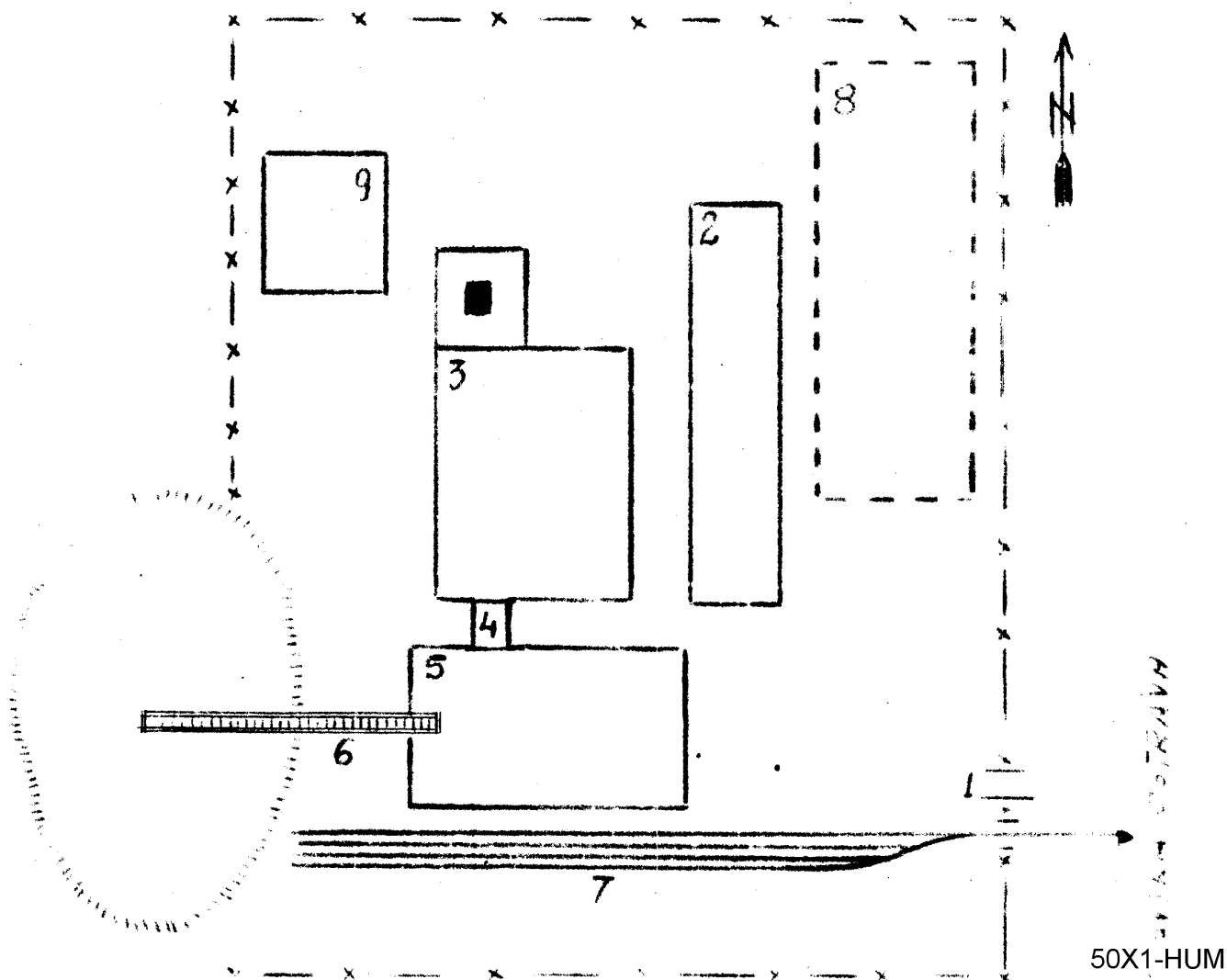
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III. "CELLULOSKA" PLANT, SVATY MARTIN

(May 1956)

General Remarks

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This is an old plant which dates back to the prewar period

Plant Name

"Celluloska" Svaty Martin (Svaty Martin Cellulose Plant).

Location

Subject plant is located on the right bank of the Turiec River, 300 to 400 meters southeast of CKD-Sokolovo, Zavod "J.V. Stalin," as shown in the accompanying sketch map

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Size of Plant

200 x 150 meters.

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SECRETJurisdiction

Subject plant is perhaps under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Light Industry.

Number of Workers

About 600, mostly women.

Production

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[redacted] subject plant does not produce finished cellulose, but only cellulose paste. The process is reportedly completed at Ruzomberok, where some paper mills are located, and at an unidentified place, on the road leading to Zilina, 30 kilometers from Ruzomberok, where installations for the production of explosive are reportedly located ("SVIT" works).

Sources and Availability of Raw Materials

Local sources; the area is wooded. The raw materials used by the plant are in plentiful supply.

Electric Power Supply

The plant receives its electric power supply from the hydroelectric power plant located on the Vah River, between Trencin and Zilina, about 30 kilometers from this latter city.

Transportation of Raw Materials

The timber used by the plant is dropped into the Turiec River and ^{comes to the plant} left in the artificial opening ^{place pond} (?) made on the right bank of the river.

IV. "GENERAL SVOBODA" COAL MINE, MORAVSKA OSTROVA

(October 1955)

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Location

The mine is located 6 kilometers west of Moravska Ostrava.

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SECRETDescriptiona. External part (see sketch)

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1. Main entrance.
2. Storage facilities for tools, and miners' lamps, shower rooms, locker rooms: white masonry building, 40x12x5 meters in size, with concrete roof with skylights.
3. Crushing department: 3-story building, laid out as follows:
 - First floor: motors for the hoist, rails for decauville rail lines.
 - Second floor: compressors, coal crusher.
 - Third floor: crusher's trap door ("botola") and motors.
4. Conveyor belt for transporting the coal from the crusher to the coal wash room.
5. Coal washing and sizing room, hopper.
6. Converyor belt for elimination of extraneous materials.
7. Railroad tracks for conveying the coal from the mine.
8. Miscellaneous materials storage.
9. Management, various offices, and infirmary: 4-story masonry building, 25x25x11 meters in size, with two-gable tile roof.
10. Access to mine.

b. Subsoil

There is only one access to the mine
 There are 8 galleries. Maximum depth is 560 meters.

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Number of Employees

Fifty office workers, 3,000 soldiers, and 100 civilians assigned exclusively to loading and blasting operations.

Number of Work Shifts

Three of 1,000 persons each.

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SECRETMiners' Equipment

Heavy leather helmet and miners lamps.

Extractive Process

In seams which are not excessively hard the ^{coal}ore is extracted by means of [explosive] mines. The ^{coal}ore thus dislodged is put on conveyor belts, which dump it directly into decauville cars. These cars, which are battery-operated, are loaded onto the hoist which brings the coal to the surface.

Illumination of Galleries

The small ones are not illuminated; the large ones are.

Hoist

The hoist is composed of four compartments, each of which holds two cars.

Storage Facilities

None, since the coal is shipped out daily.

Output

More than once the cars remained idle for quite sometime before they could be loaded, because the norm had not been fulfilled.

Electric Power Supply

The mine's electric power supply comes from the Moravska Ostrava thermal-electric power plant.

Protective Measures

All the galleries are supported by lumber; they crumble frequently.

Transportation Facilities

The coal is shipped out by rail.

Wages

[redacted] The soldiers working there receive 70 crowns per month; they receive an additional 20 crowns if they fulfill their norm.

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Accidents

Accidents occurred at the mine daily (bone fractures, loss of fingers, etc.). No firedamp explosions [redacted]

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